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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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REFS: A. JAKARTA 10102 B. STATE 194749

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1. IN LIGHT OF REF A WE ARE REACTIVATING REF C MESSAGE,
I.E. THAT AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN APPROACH SECRETARY ROMULO
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AND INFORM HIM, IN HIS CAPACITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ASEAN

STANDING GROUP, THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN. OTHER ASEAN ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF STEPS WE ARE TAKING IN MANILA.

2. IF AGENDA, TIME, VENUE AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION IS RAISED, ADDRESSEE POSTS CAN STATE THAT OUR THINKING IS STILL ALONG LINES OF REF D, I.E. THAT WE VIEW MEETING AS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MAJOR ECONOMIC QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. AMONG THESE WE ENVISAGE U.S. THINKING ON MTN ISSUES AND ON GSP (DESPITE INDONESIAN SENSITIVITIES, WE CAN HARDLY AVOID DISCUSSING GSP) AND TO HEAR ASEAN'S VIEWS ON THESE

MATTERS; WE WOULD ALSO LIKE CONSULTATIONS TO COVER SUCH OTHER ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AS ECONOMIC TRENDS IN U.S. AND ASEAN, PRIVATE INVESTMENT, AND MAJOR ECONOMIC ISSUES IN OTHER FORUMS WHICH MIGHT BE OF TOPICAL INTEREST AT TIME OF THE MEETING. WE HAVE IN MIND, FOR INSTANCE, PRODUCER/ CONSUMER DIALOGUE, WORLD FOOD PROGRAM ETC. THESE ARE TENTATIVE SUGGESTIONS SINCE WE ENVISAGE THAT AGENDA WOULD BE MUTUALLY AGREED AND WE WOULD BE GUIDED BY ASEAN'S WISHES. EXACT NATURE AND CONTENT OF AGENDA ALSO DEPENDS ON TIMING OF CONSULTATIONS.

3. WE ASSUME MEETING TO BE HELD IN AN ASEAN CAPITAL AT A TIME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TO ASEAN AND U.S. WE WOULD ASSUME THAT PREPARATIONS ON BOTH SIDES WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT TWO MONTHS ASSUMING THAT WE COULD FAIRLY RAPIDLY AGREE ON AGENDA. WE INTEND TO HAVE U.S. DELEGATION HEADED BY UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, ASSUMING ASEAN WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT COMPARABLE LEVELS.

4. ONLY CHANGE FROM APPROACH OUTLINED IN REF D RELATES TO OBSERVERS. EMBASSIES SHOULD NOT RAISE OBSERVER QUESTION BUT IF RAISED, OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD NOT WELCOME OBSERVERS FROM INDOCHINA STATES BUT IF ASEAN WOULD WISH TO INVITE BURMA WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION.

5. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT MUCH STAND ON PROTOCOL, WE WOULD ASSUME IN LIGHT OF SEVERAL RECENT MESSAGES FROM VARIOUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASEAN CAPITALS THAT FORMAL DECISION TO EXTEND INVITATION IS STILL TO BE MADE BY ASEAN AT NEXT MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE AND THAT RECONFIRMATION OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IS TO ENCOURAGE SUCH A DECISION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN WOULD RAISE WITH SECRETARY ROMULO QUESTION OF FUTURE PROCEDURES FOR PREPARING FOR CONSULTATIONS. IT SEEMS TO US ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE ONE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH ASEAN AND

THAT ASEAN UNDERTAKE COORDINATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS. MAW

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